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Hon. Jose L. Linares  
United States District Judge  
District of New Jersey  
Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building  
50 Walnut Street  
Newark, NJ 07101

Re: *United States ex rel. Laurie Simpson v. Bayer Corp. et al.*, 05-3895

Dear Judge Linares:

We represent Plaintiff/Relator Laurie Simpson in the above referenced action. We write in response to the July 15, 2013 letter brief from Defendants [docket #127], in which Defendants responded further with respect to the issues raised in the Government's Statement of Interest.

Defendants filed this letter brief without authorization. The Court's June 27, 2013 Order (enclosed) directed Defendants to file their response to the Government's Statement of Interest first and allowed Plaintiff to then respond to Defendants' response within 10 days. The Order did not allow any further briefing.

Plaintiff/Relator therefore respectfully submits that the Court should not consider Defendants' July 15 letter brief, but in the event that the Court does consider the arguments Defendants make in their letter brief, Plaintiff/Relator respectfully requests permission to file a brief response.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

s/ Jeremy B. Stein

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, et al.,  
*Ex rel.* LAURIE SIMPSON

Plaintiff/ Relator,

v.

BAYER CORPORATION; BAYER  
HEALTHCARE; PHARMACEUTICALS,  
INC.; BAYER HEALTHCARE, LLC; and  
BAYER AG,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 05-3895 (JLL)

**ORDER**


This matter comes before the Court by way of letters submitted by the parties regarding additional briefing in light of a Statement of Interest filed by the United States. The Court having received and reviewed both letters,

**IT IS** on this 27 day of June, 2013

**ORDERED** that Defendant's response to the Government's Statement of Interest is due on June 28, 2013; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff/Relator's response is due on July 8, 2013.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
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Jose L. Linares  
United States District Judge